

Court Staff Survey Questions for Appellate Court Judges

[on the following questions, judges are rated on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1=inadequate performance and 5= outstanding performance]

1. The judge is fair and impartial.
2. The judge avoids impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.
3. The judge's behavior demonstrates equal treatment of all persons or classes of persons.
4. The judge considers both sides of the argument in rendering the opinion.
5. The judge's oral communication while in court is clear and logical.
6. The judge promotes public trust and confidence in the courts through his or her conduct on and off the bench.
7. The judge is prepared for oral argument.
8. The judge treats all attorneys with equal courtesy and respect.
9. The judge issues opinions in a prompt and timely manner.
10. The judge is willing to author difficult or unpopular opinions.
11. The judge's legal opinions are free from personal bias.
12. The judge's personal life does not impair his or her judicial performance.
13. The judge maintains diligent work habits.
14. The judge's interactions with court staff are professional and constructive.
15. The judge is an effective manager of his or her staff and chambers.
16. The judge is appropriately accessible to court personnel.
17. The judge reasonably accommodates changing technology.
18. The judge appears to pay attention to what goes on in court.
19. The judge is collegial with other members of the court.

20. Adjective Selection

[respondents are asked to mark at least 3 words that best describe the judge]

Attentive	Rude	Considerate
Cantankerous	Calm	Defensive
Patient	Confident	Dismissive
Consistent	Arrogant	Polite
Indecisive	Receptive	Disrespectful
Knowledgeable	Intelligent	Impatient
Flippant		

[Yes/No and open-ended questions]

21. Would you recommend that this judge be retained? Why/why not?
22. If there is anything else you would like to tell us about this judge, please add your comments below.